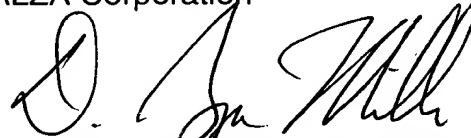


Remarks

Applicants submit herewith a new set of claims for consideration. The Examiner should review the allowed claims in the parent application (US Serial No. 08/952,657 filed March 17, 1998) to consider potential double patenting issues. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALZA Corporation



D. Byron Miller, Reg. No. 30,661

Dated: February 7, 2001

ALZA Corporation
Intellectual Property Department, M10-3
1900 Charleston Road
P.O. Box 7210
Mountain View, CA 94039-7210
(650) 564-7850